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APPLICANT : PETERSON et al.
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 PLANTS

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-21 and 23-36 are currently pending in the present application.

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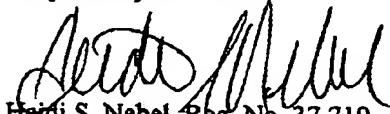

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This is a request under the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for three months from November 13, 2004 to February 13, 2005. Applicant is a small entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account number 26-0084 in the amount of \$510.00 for three months to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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